

# **Town of Windham**

## **Review of Recent Planning Services**

### **by Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission**



The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) has provided the Town of Windham with a wide range of services and resources to help the town address its planning and transportation needs.

The SNHPC staff appreciates working with town staff in the planning, zoning, building, fire, police, recreation, and administrative departments, as well as the library. The SNHPC also thanks all the volunteers they've worked with on the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Economic Development Committee, and Conservation Commission. Finally, SNHPC staff appreciate the dedication of Town Commissioners including Peter Griffin, presently the SNHPC's Chairman and Edgar Lapointe, who recently volunteered to serve on the SNHPC's Budget Committee.

Despite nationwide inflation and cost increases across the vast spectrum of goods and services, the SNHPC has kept its municipal membership dues rate flat at \$0.676 per capita for the past four years by leveraging federal and other funding sources to benefit SNHPC member communities.

Highlights of the SNHPC's recent services to the Town of Windham included:

- Assisting Windham with state and federal transportation system funding opportunities, including securing \$1.879 Million through the NHDOT's Ten-Year Plan process for safety improvements at the intersection of NH Route 28/Roulston Road.
- Assisting Town staff as well as the Economic Development Committee with engaging NHDOT to begin the NH Route 111 corridor engineering study. This \$809,000 study will allow the town to define its future vision for NH Route 111 in conjunction with NHDOT partners.
- Completing trail mapping projects on behalf of the Windham Conservation Commission.
- Conducting traffic counts as well as bike/pedestrian counts within the Town of Windham to monitor townwide traffic volume patterns and changes.
- Performing regional freight planning, facilitating freight stakeholder meeting, truck route congestion planning and strategies and other freight research work.
- Updating the 2016 Complete Streets Toolkit to include guidance on the most recent best practices and projects from New Hampshire and beyond.
- Identifying high-priority Electric Vehicle (EV) corridors and analyzing feasibility of DC Fast-Charging stations along transportation corridors.
- Assisting various town departments: Coordinating the update of Windham's Hazard Mitigation Plan, assisting the Planning Department with demographic analyses to support the Master Plan update, and providing GIS data and mapping needs, including Municipal Storm Sewer System requirements.
- Completing a comprehensive update of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment to analyze historical trends, project future needs, and identify strategies to meet the region's housing needs.
- Launching implementation of a \$500K U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment grant, which will assess sites to provide new opportunities for cleanup and economic development.
- Working with Town staff and stakeholders to complete a grant-funded "Pathways to Play" project to enhance recreation access in SNHPC communities, including fielding a regional survey to assess recreation needs and opportunities, and developing an interactive map of recreation facilities.
- Coordinating regional climate action planning efforts, developing a climate action toolkit focused on roadway adaptations, and supporting federally-funded climate action planning efforts.

Town of Windham Representatives to the Commission  
Peter Griffin (SNHPC Chairman) & Edgar Lapointe